

## Other Important Information

- Tell your health care provider about all the medicines you take (prescription, nonprescription and herbal), especially if you take other antibiotics. Your dose may need to be adjusted or changed.
- Doxycycline may decrease the effectiveness of Birth Control Pills. Consult your health care provider or pharmacist about other types of birth control.
- Avoid taking antacids, iron supplements, or vitamins within 2 to 3 hours of taking this medication. They can interfere with the medicine.
- Doxycycline can make you more sensitive to the sun. Limit your exposure to the sun and use sunscreen while on this medication.
- Do not donate blood for 3 years after taking this medicine because taking these medications automatically shows that you have been exposed to malaria.
- For more information, visit the following websites:

<http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/dmisd/documents/DoxycyclineTablets10-23-01DMIS.doc>

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/malaria/default.htm>

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## You have been given 2 bottles of medicine

The medicines are:



**Doxycycline - 30 pills**

Take 1 pill a day for 30 days



**Primaquine - 14 pills**

Take 1 pill a day for 14 days

These pills prevent malaria. Even though you took pills to prevent malaria while you were deployed, you still need to take this medicine. **If you do not take all of these pills when you are supposed to, you may get very sick from malaria.**

## Warnings

1. Do not take doxycycline if you are allergic to doxycycline or tetracycline.
  - Tell your health care provider about any drug allergies you have.
2. Do not take primaquine if you have G6PD deficiency.
  - Tell your health care provider if you have any illnesses or conditions.
3. Do not take either of these medicines if you are pregnant.
  - Ask your health care provider about alternative medications.



## How to take these Medicines:

- Take each dose with a full glass of water. It is important to drink plenty of water while taking this medicine.
- Take with food to avoid upset stomach.
- Take all of the pills given to you!
- Try to take the medicine at the same time each day.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as remembered unless it is almost time for the next dose. If it is nearly time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and resume your usual dosing schedule. Do NOT “double-up” on doses.
- Do not share this medication with others.
- Store at room temperature away from sunlight and moisture.

## What are the Possible Side Effects of these Medicines?

### Doxycycline

- Upset stomach (stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea) or muscle weakness until your body gets used to the medicine.
- Increased sensitivity to sun and more prone to sunburn.
- Yeast infection of the vagina, mouth or bladder.

### Primaquine

- Upset stomach (stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea) and/or muscle weakness until your body gets used to the medicine.

Notify your health care provider if any of your symptoms become bothersome or you develop **breathing difficulties, rash, hives, sore throat, rapid heart beat, changes in vision, hearing trouble, ringing in the ears, or dark urine** while taking these medications. Make sure you tell your health care provider what medications you are taking.